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## **“WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: THE FOUNDATION OF COMMERCE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY”** The County of San Diego Proclaims Weights & Measures Week, March 1- 7, 2007

Robert G. Atkins, Sealer of Weights and Measures for the County of San Diego, announces March 1-7, 2007 as **National Weights and Measures Week**, giving tribute to the 208<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first weights and measures laws enacted by the Congress of the United States on March 2, 1799.

Mr. Atkins stated, “The Weights and Measures inspector plays an important part in the vitality of the global economy and our system of commerce by providing equity as a referee in the marketplace and thus protecting the consumer and the merchant.” Mr. Atkins added, “Every citizen and every business has a direct financial stake in seeing that all transactions are fair to both the buyer and seller.”



“The residents of San Diego County are protected by the Weights and Measures inspector regardless if he or she is purchasing a gallon of milk, 10 gallons of gasoline, a ton of gravel or anything that is sold by weight, volume, measure or count. The inspector sees that the consumer receives what he or she pays for...no more or no less. With over 50% of an average family's income being spent on items sold by weight, volume, measure or count, it is a good feeling to know that Weights and Measures inspectors are testing these items for accuracy. Owners of commercial devices are protected from losses in business because a small fraction of a one per cent error can give away thousands of dollars worth of products and profits. Should the Weights and Measures inspector find a device not in compliance, they will reject the device until it has been serviced and retested for accuracy.”

State and local weights and measures inspectors cannot be present at every transaction. Cooperation from the buying public is essential in monitoring and maintaining a fair and equitable marketplace.

Consumers and business operators are encouraged to learn more by visiting the department's website at [www.sdcawm.org](http://www.sdcawm.org). For complaints or information, contact the department's Standards Enforcement Division at 1-888-TRUE-SCAN.

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